

REMARKS

Claim 1-4 are pending in this application. Claims 1-3 currently are withdrawn by way of a Restriction Requirement.

By this Amendment, withdrawn claim 1 and pending claim 4 are amended.

No new matter has been added by this Amendment. Support for the Amendment can be found in the original specification. In particular, language added to claims 1 and 4 can be found on page 14, lines 3-5, page 21, lines 11-13 and Figure 1.

I. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by each of U.S. Patent No. 6,372,661 (Lin), U.S. Patent No. 6,287,961 (Liu), U.S. Patent No. 5,976,967 (Wu), U.S. Patent No. 5,824,599 (Schacham-Diamand) and U.S. Patent No. 6,255,217 (Agnello), collectively referred to as the References. These rejection are respectfully traversed.

None of the References teaches a thin-film coil with spiral shaped sub layers. The spiral shaped coil recited in claim 4 is necessary to create the thin-film coil according to the claimed invention. Thus, Applicant submits claim 4 is now allowable.

Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

II. Rejoinder

It is respectfully submitted that in accordance with MPEP §821.01, if product claims are elected and subsequently allowed, rejoinder of non-elected process claims which depend from or otherwise include all of the limitations of allowed product claims will be permitted.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that upon allowance of claim 4, claims 1-3 should be rejoined and similarly allowed as claims 1-3 are directed to the method of making the thin-film coil of claim 4 and include all limitations of claim 4.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-4 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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